

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 925

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lincoln Memorial University on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy institution is Lincoln Memorial University (LMU), which is celebrating its quasiquicentennial this year; for 125 years, LMU has offered educational opportunities to underserved populations in Tennessee, Appalachia, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Memorial University grew out of love and respect for Abraham Lincoln and serves as a living memorial to our sixteenth president by honoring his name, values, and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the root of LMU's existence was President Lincoln's desire that something be done for the people of the Cumberland Gap region, who had been so loyal to him; and

WHEREAS, LMU serves students from throughout the State, nation, and many other countries, and the university retains a commitment to enrich the lives of the people and communities it serves with an economic impact on the region that exceeds \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Memorial University can take a student from kindergarten at the J. Frank White Academy all the way to a professional degree; the university's footprint includes the main campus in Harrogate, with extended learning sites stretching from Corbin, Kentucky, to Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, LMU has grown tremendously over the last decade to include the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Duncan School of Law, LMU-School of Medical Sciences, and

LMU-College of Veterinary Medicine to help prepare students to serve communities in professions with critical shortages; and

WHEREAS, the university's curriculum and commitment to quality instruction at every level are based on beliefs that graduates must be able to communicate clearly and effectively in an era of rapidly and continuously expanding communication technology and have an appreciable depth of learning in a field of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, LMU's more than 35,000 alumni impact communities across Tennessee, throughout the country, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, for 125 years, Lincoln Memorial University has provided a foundation for a more productive life by upholding the principles of Abraham Lincoln's life: a dedication to individual liberty, responsibility, and improvement; a respect for citizenship; recognition of the intrinsic value of high moral and ethical standards; and a belief in a personal God; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Lincoln Memorial University on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, commend its administration, faculty, and staff, both past and present, for their dedication to the highest tenets of education, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

